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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT: Scientific and Technical Advisory Board for the Director
of Central Intelligence**

1. The following persons met in my office this morning to discuss the formation of a scientific and technical advisory board for the DCI:

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Dr. Herbert Scoville -- Deputy Director (Research)

Colonel Edward Giller -- Assistant Deputy Director (Research)

~~REDACTED~~ -- Director of Communications

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Dr. Albert Wheelon -- Asst. Director, O/Scientific Intelligence

~~REDACTED~~ -- Chief, Foreign Intelligence Staff (DDP)

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~~REDACTED~~ -- Scientific Intelligence Group, DDP/PI

Office of Personnel

~~REDACTED~~ -- Assistant to the Director

2. Certain questions were raised at this meeting on which we will need clarification from you before we continue with the selection of members.

3. Charter for the Board: There was considerable discussion as to what authority and responsibilities you would wish the Board to have.

a. Review major Agency scientific and technical programs and make recommendations to the DCI about the management of these programs.

b. Review the "emphasis" of Agency scientific and technical programs and give specific technical advice, as requested, to the Agency officers actually performing the work.

c. Advise the DCI on developments in the scientific world to make sure that the Agency is not overlooking any major developments.



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4. It was pointed out that men in key executive positions usually do not have the time to work on specific detailed problems for the Agency. Generally, bright men on the way up have been able to devote more time to the Agency and have proved of great value to the Agency as their careers developed.

5. As you are aware there are now several scientific and technical panels responsive to the DDR, OSI, TSD, etc. The above group generally felt that it would be wise to have them continue as they are now but with some sort of formal relationship with the proposed board for the DCI. You might wish some of the chairmen of these boards to be directly represented on your board. There may be special problems with the [REDACTED] Board and [REDACTED] Panels who consider that they work directly for the DCI.

6. Can I have your guidance on the following so we can begin the formation of the Board:

a. What authorities and responsibilities do you wish the Board to have?

b. What relationship do you wish the Board to have with existing Agency boards and panels, particularly those who consider they now work for the DCI?

/s/

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director

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